

REMARKS

The present supplemental amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated May 17, 2005. Claims 2, 4, 6, 12, 16 and 17 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1, 5, 9-11, 13-14 and 19-24 are canceled. Thus, claims 2-4, 6-8, 12 and 15-18 are again presented for consideration. A petition for a two-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination are submitted herewith.

Applicant notes that the Advisory Action was not sent to the undersigned but instead to the original attorney of record. However, a Revocation of Power of Attorney and a New Power of Attorney were submitted by the undersigned on December 27, 2004. A courtesy copy of same is enclosed with the present amendment. Therefore, please direct all future correspondence to the undersigned in accordance with the New Power of Attorney.

The Advisory Action indicated that the response dated April 12, 2005 would not be entered because the amendments to the claims raise new issues that would require further consideration. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith so that the April 12, 2005 response and the instant amendment will be considered.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner noted that claims 3, 7-8, 15 and 18 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Independent claims 1 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 12, 16 and 17 have been amended to depend from independent claim 18. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from independent claim 15. Previously presented claims 3, 7 and 8 also depend from claim 15. Thus, all of the dependent claims currently presented depend from either allowable claim 15 or allowable claim 18. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that claims

2-4, 6-8, 12 and 15-18 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have. If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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